

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHESS UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

Held at the Rolls Royce Leisure Centre Pavilion, Moor Lane, Allenton, Derby, DE24 9HY on Saturday 17th June 2017 at 2pm.

MINUTES

Attending: Ray Dolan (Staffs), Andrew Leadbetter (Staffs), John Pattinson (Leics), Shabir Okhai (Leics), Tim Walker (Notts), Robert Richmond (Notts), Dragoljub Sudar (Notts), John Hoddy (Derbys), Mike Boreham (Derbys), Peter Sherlock (Lincs), Andrew Davies (Staffs), Paul Sharratt (Worcs), John Pakenham (Warks), John Grasham (Lincs)

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Peter Gibbs (Leics), Glyn Pugh (Shrops), Alex Holowczak (Warks), Alan Leary (Herefords), Ray Collett (Worcs), Matthew Carr (Staffs), Eunice Dolan (Staffs), Robert Milner (Staffs)

2) MINUTES OF THE 2016 AGM

2.1) Accuracy

The 2016 minutes were approved as being accurate.

2.2) Matters Arising.

None

3) REPORTS

3.1) President (Peter Gibbs)

PG reported that he was standing down as president.

He was given a thank you for the chair for all his hard work and wished all the best for the future.

Report accepted

3.2) Chairman (John Pakenham)

JP reported he was honoured for being given the position and thanked everyone.

Report accepted

3.3) Chief Executive Officer (Ray Dolan)

RD reported thanks to MB for the use of the room and to PG for his contribution as president. The congress had been a success and he was now passing it on to AH for this year.

AL thanked RD for all his hard work and the congress had made a profit.

Report accepted

3.4) Secretary (John Grasham)

JG reported that he would be emailing all county secretaries to ensure that the contact lists were up to date.

Report accepted.

3.5) Finance Director (Andrew Leadbetter)

AL reported that he was concerned that we would lose money on email entries for the MCCU Congress.

RD thanked AL for his meticulous job as treasurer.

Report accepted

3.6) ECF Delegate (Andrew Leadbetter)

AL reported the main issue was regarding the abolition of game fee in favour of a straight membership scheme where up to three games would be free. This was passed in the finance meeting. Membership fees for the ECF were also increased. AL also reported that to upgrade from Gold to Platinum membership you should do it as a donation to get around VAT.

JP objected to the free games and to Platinum membership going up. MB said the game fee was abolished because it cost more to administrate it than the money it was charging. RR said it was pointless to turn up to an ECF meeting if you only had one vote at your disposal. The BCF chess academy is moving around the country.

Report accepted

3.7) Grading Director (Peter Sherlock)

PS reported that he had submitted all the MCCU preliminary stage results for grading. He noted there was one more match than last year. He said that some players were still not members of the ECF and their names were available from him on request.

Report accepted

3.8) Controller of Inter Counties Teams' Competitions (Peter Sherlock)

PS reported the details of the sections in qualifying. JG said he was unhappy that the national controller Andrew Zigmond had offered the Lincolnshire U140 team a place in the national stages before withdrawing it.

Report accepted

3.9) Director for Events (Ray Dolan)

Report accepted

3.10) Director for Correspondence Chess (Ray Dolan)

RD reported that he had arranged a postal chess match against NATCOR for 12 players, four by email, 4 by post and 4 by web server.

Report accepted

3.11) Director of Junior Chess (Andrew Davies)

AD provided a comprehensive report detailing activity in all counties in the MCCU region and that there would be a Midland Counties Junior Chess Championships on Saturday 22nd July.

RD thanked AD for all his hard work.

Report accepted

3.12) Public Relations Director (Ray Collett)

RC emailed a report detailing what had been done in the previous year as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Report accepted

3.13) Webmaster (Ray Collett)

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Report accepted

3.14) Non Executive Directors (Matthew Carr and Eunice Dolan)

Both Non Executive Directors told the meeting they had nothing to report. ED was pleased with how the 2016 MCCU Congress had gone.

4) ELECTIONS

4.1) President	John Pakenham	Elected unopposed
4.2) Chairman	Paul Sharratt	Elected unopposed
4.3) Chief Executive Officer	Ray Dolan	Re-elected unopposed
4.4) Secretary	John Grasham	Re-elected unopposed
4.5) Finance Director	Andrew Leadbetter	Re-elected unopposed
4.6) ECF Delegate	Andrew Leadbetter	Re-elected unopposed
4.7) Grading Director	Peter Sherlock	Re-elected unopposed
4.8) County Championship Controller	Peter Sherlock	Re-elected unopposed
4.9) Events Director	Ray Dolan	Re-elected unopposed
4.10) Correspondence Director	Ray Dolan	Re-elected unopposed
4.11) Director for Junior Chess	Andrew Davies	Re-elected unopposed
4.12) Public Relations Director	Ray Collett	Re-elected unopposed
4.13) Webmaster	Ray Collett	Re-elected unopposed
4.14) Non Executives (Max. 2)	Matthew Carr	Re-elected unopposed
	Eunice Dolan	Re-elected unopposed
4.15) Safeguarding Officer	Andrew Davies	Elected unopposed

5) APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR

R. V. H. Butters was re-appointed.

6) LEVY FOR 2017-2018 (ANDREW LEADBETTER)

The levy was kept at £7 per point for the following year. This was accepted without the need for further discussion from delegates.

AL brought up the purchase of Public Liability Insurance for the MCCU. The options were £83 per annum for £1,000,000 worth of cover, £120 per annum for £2,000,000 worth of cover and £160 per annum for £5,000,000 worth of cover. The meeting elected to go with £1,000,000 worth of cover.

7) REVISION OF COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

That the minor section be defaulted to a 4 hour session as getting 5 hour venues is difficult as it slips into the venues evening hire.

That the default playing option is Fischer time limit, as most congresses and leagues not use Fischer and it has been proved to give more reliable game results.

RD reported that as Graham Booley had not submitted his proposals on changes to County Championship rules in time for AGM they could be discussed but not voted upon. PS said that the rules stated that the captains could agree on different time controls, using shorter matches or Fischer timing. AL said common sense is used in the MCCU.

8) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JG read out the report on the MCCU Congress from AH.

Norton Chess Club offered their venue for the AGM, but as it was turned down the MCCU would send a letter of thanks for their offer.

9) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next MCCU AGM would take place on Saturday 16th June 2018 at 2pm to be held again at the Rolls Royce Leisure Centre Pavilion at Derby.

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 3.20pm